

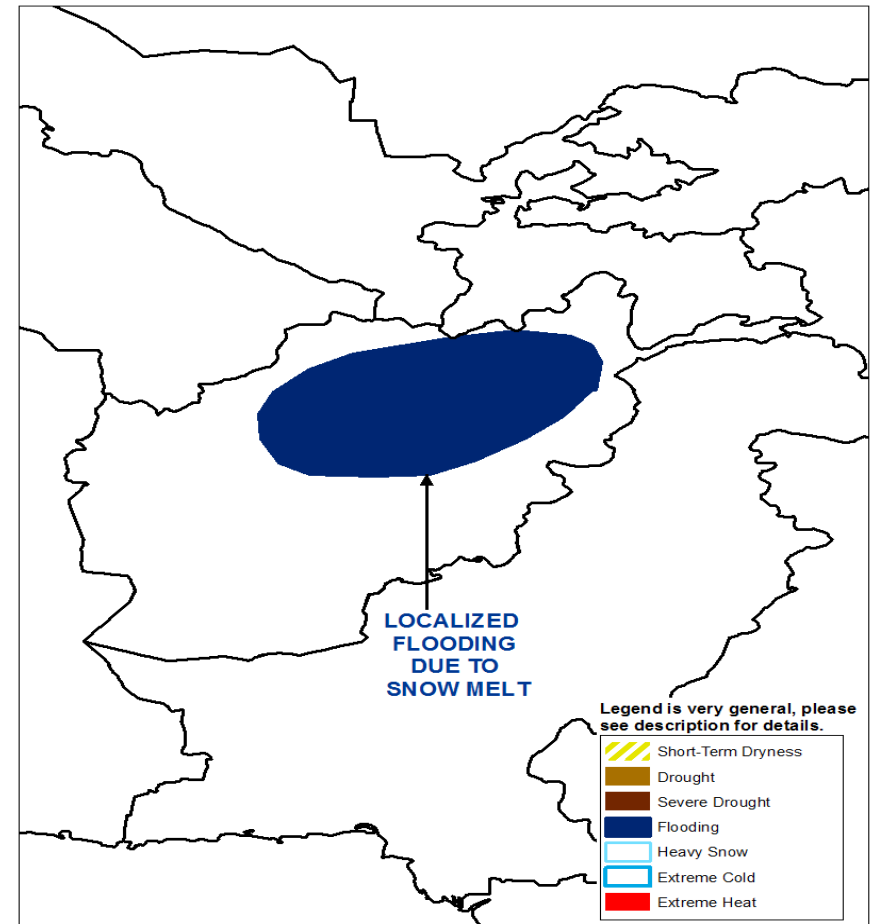
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 2 - 8, 2012

### **Temperatures:**

During early-to-mid April, temperatures averaged above normal across the lower elevations and near to slightly below normal across the central highlands and northeast mountains. The warm temperatures have contributed to rapid snow melt. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average above normal except for the northeast mountains where below normal temperatures are expected to persist. Maximum temperatures are forecast to warm above 35 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Widespread showers continued across northern and central Afghanistan. Precipitation amounts during April have been above average. The heaviest rainfall (more than 50 mm) occurred in east-central Afghanistan. Recent rainfall combined with rapid snow melt has triggered flooding. During the past week, flash flooding was reported in the eastern province of Ghazni. Although drier weather this week is expected to ease the threat of additional flooding in eastern Afghanistan, snow melt may contribute to localized flooding across the central highlands.



**Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.**

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